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Wockhardt gets US FDA nod to market Ceftazidime injections

To launch generic version of broad spectrum antibiotic Fortaz in the US

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Pharmaceutical and biotechnology major Wockhardt will be launching Ceftazidime injection in the United States. Wockhardt has received approval from the United States Food & Drug Administration (US FDA) for marketing the injections containing 1 Gm/Vial Ceftazidime, which is used for treating various kinds of infections. Ceftazidime is the generic name for the brand Fortaz, sold in the US by Glaxo Smithkline.

“Wockhardt is one of the only three companies to have received this approval” said Wockhardt Chairman Habil Khorakiwala. “This product required significant R&D activity in both API and injections and is a reflection of the multi-faceted capabilities of Wockhardt to meet the challenges of the US markets.”

Wockhardt's Ceftazidime injections will be launched in the US very shortly. According to IMS, the total market for Ceftazidime injections in the US is \$42 million, of which the 1 gm market has sales worth US\$12.6 million.

Ceftazidime is used in treating several kinds of infections and is one of the most potent, powerful and safe antibiotics.

The Ceftazidime pentahydrate API is manufactured in the FDA approved API facility at Ankleshwar, Gujarat and the injections are manufactured at the US FDA certified formulation plant at Waluj, Maharashtra. The API and the product were developed in-house.

Wockhardt has 11 approvals from the US FDA for its sterile products including Cephalosporins. In the prescription generic pharmaceutical market, Wockhardt has been consistently growing market shares for all its products. Wockhardt today markets over fifty-five products in the US.

Wockhardt Limited is a global pharmaceutical and biotechnology major with an innovative research and development programme. Wockhardt has global footprints including UK, France, Germany, Ireland and USA. Wockhardt employs around 6000 people worldwide belonging to 14 different nationalities.